

News of Our Boys

Billie Steele is very grateful to the Irma Cigarette Club for cigarettes received a short while ago while on duty in England.

Darrell Peterson has enlisted in the RCAF and has moved his wife and family back to the Irma district.

Frank Withall enlisted in the Canadian active army in Edmonton on February 1.

Congratulations are due Ed Sharkey on his being commissioned as a lieutenant in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gulbraa received a cablegram this week saying their son RO. Harpold Gulbraa had arrived safely overseas.

Cpl. C. G. Carter and his bride arrived home from their honeymoon last Tuesday.

Cpl. Jas. Sharkey reports from England that he received a Christmas parcel sent from here in November.

Orders for bees and bee equipment should be made early this year. See E. W. Carter for prices and prompt service. Orders are being taken now.

Ration Card Information

NEW RATION BOOKS TO BE ISSUED LOCALLY

Citizens of this district and community are asked to read carefully the advertisement on the back page of this week's Irma Times in regard to the issuance of Ration Book No. 2 and How To Get It.

Distribution points are as follows: Irma Hardware, Irma; Bill Boyd's Store, Jarro; M.D. office, Jas. L. Smith, Kinsella.

Please follow instructions contained in the advertisement and you will have no difficulty in securing your new ration books.

If adhesive or gummed tape becomes too stiff to use, soften it with two tablespoons of warm water and half a teaspoon of glycerine.

NO ROOM FOR TWO FARMER ORGANIZATIONS IN ALBERTA

Alberta farmers, who need all the organized power they can muster to protect their interests right now, are divided into two farm groups, the old United Farmers of Alberta, and the new Alberta Farmers' Union. The farming interests can not be served best by splitting up like this. The new Alberta Farmers' Union appears to have the blessing of Premier Aberhart, and one could hardly expect him to be too fussy over the U.F.A. But the farmers themselves should do something to unite their forces so that their voice can be made more audible.—The Clarendon Press.

Wedding Bells

CARTER—LONGMIRE

Irma United church was the scene of a pretty wedding when, on Feb. 5, beneath an arch of pink and white streamers, wedding bells and flowers and a background of draped flags, Marian Laura, elder daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Edward Longmire, was united in marriage to Corporal Clarence Gordon Carter, RCAF, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Carter, also of Irma. The double ring marriage ceremony was solemnized by the bride's father, assisted by the Rev. J. D. Woollett of Jarro.

Entering the church on the arm of her father, to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, the bride was dressed in a two-piece ensemble of old gold crepe and maine. Her modish hat was of turquoise blue, with which she wore brown accessories. Her only adornment was a dainty pearl and ruby pendant, a family heirloom, and gift of Mr. and Mrs. Carter. Her shower bouquet was of tall-man roses.

Miss Lois Longmire was bridesmaid for her sister. Her gown was a printed silk model in shades of rust, green and teal, with which she wore rust accessories. Her flowers were white carnations and pink roses.

Mr. Allison Carter, a brother of the groom was best man, and Master Ernest Carter acted as usher. During the signing of the register, Miss Vera Simmerman sang "The Voice That Breathed O'er Eden." She was accompanied by Mrs. Martin Enger, who also played the wedding music.

A reception for thirty guests was held at the manse. The bride's table was laid in sparkling white linen, centred with a tiered wedding cake. Tall white tapers and bright yellow daffodils completed the setting.

Receiving with the bridal party, Mrs. Longmire wore a spring suit of navy, and corsage of deep red roses. Mrs. Carter, mother of the groom, wore an afternoon model in green with corsage of yellow roses.

Rev. Mr. Woollett proposed the toast to the bride, to which the groom fittingly replied.

The bride and groom, who are widely known for their work in young people's activities, choir and Sunday school work, left on the evening train for a short honeymoon. Upon their return the bride will continue to make her home in Irma where she is a member of the public school teaching staff, and the groom will leave shortly for eastern Canada and duties elsewhere.

The good wishes of a large circle of friends are extended to the happy couple.

JUNIOR W.A. JOINT MEETING HELD AT WAINWRIGHT

St. Mary's Irma Junior W.A. and their leader journeyed to Wainwright by train on Saturday, February 6, to attend a joint meeting with the Juniors of St. Thomas. They were met by the rector and Juniors who very kindly entertained them to dinner in their various homes. Rev. and Mrs. Bralant entertained Mrs. Peterson in their home to luncheon.

The meeting was arranged in the parish hall at 1:30 p.m. and members were in their places on time.

Rev. Bralant conducted the service and gave the address of welcome as their president was sick and unable to be present. Excellent reports were given from both branches. The rector gave a little talk regarding the "shield" that the Wainwright Juniors won for their splendid work during 1942. Mrs. Peterson then gave a word of encouragement for this year's work hoping that Irma Juniors would win the shield this year.

Margery McKean in her reply to the address of welcome very nicely thanked the Juniors of Wainwright for their very kind hospitality and gave them a hearty invitation to come to Irma which we hope to arrange when the weather is somewhat warmer.

Some splendid games were enjoyed by the girls and our jovial rector. Light refreshments also were served, after which we were

A.F.U. Notes

The regular monthly meeting of the A.F.U. local No. 154 was held in Hedley's hall on Wednesday, February 3. A fair turnout was on hand. The meeting was called to order at about 9:00 p.m. Several new members joined up and a number of members renewed their membership for 1943.

During the period allowed for open discussion an interesting time was spent in discussing the many advantages of co-operative buying and the suggestion was put forward that the local take steps to purchase coal by car lots early next fall in order to avoid as far as possible a repetition of the recent coal shortage.

Roll call was answered by telling a story or singing a song. A few good stories were forthcoming, but a number could not sing and didn't have a story. Those members are penalized by having to tell two stories at the next meeting. Ed Hoffman was the lone vocalist and got good hand to his comic song. After lunch which everyone seemed to enjoy, a quiz program was put on which tested the members' skill and knowledge, to use familiar phrase.

The national anthem brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

We would like to draw your attention if you are a farmer and not yet a member of the Farmers' Union, that the four directors have membership books and will be only too glad to take your dues and give you a receipt. Following are the directors' names: A. E. Archibald, Bertel Selsted, M. I. Reitan, C. E. Fenton. With only 25 per cent of Alberta farmers organized, much has been achieved. Imagine what could be done if we were organized say 75 per cent.

Be sure and sign the petition if you have not already done so. "Food for Victory."

Gross value of agricultural products in Alberta for the year 1942 was \$366,331,300, it was stated by the department of agriculture in a report released Monday.

The total includes aggregates from grain, root and fodder crops, animals slaughtered and sold, dairy produce, poultry produce, honey and wool.

A cup of grated cheese added to white sauce to be served with cauliflower improves its flavor.

escorted to the train by Mr. and Mrs. Bralant and their Juniors, thus ending a most enjoyable and helpful afternoon which we will long remember.

Plans For Farm Labor

Designed to assist farmers to solve their farm labor problems, a plan has been worked out between National Selective Service and the department of agriculture with the grain elevator companies whereby the elevator agents will act as registrars. All elevator agents in the province are being provided with application forms on which farmers may make known their labor problems for the coming season. Completed applications will be submitted through the district agriculturists and farm labor supervisors to National Selective Service and the department of agriculture. In this way National Selective Service and the department will have a complete picture of the farm labor requirements for 1943.

In announcing this plan the department of agriculture and National Selective Service emphasize the necessity of farmers listing their requirements with the elevator agents. Unless these requirements are made known it will be impossible for the authorities to adequately present the situation to the officials in charge of the manpower of Canada.

All farmers are requested to register their needs as soon as possible.



UNITED CHURCH

Irma—Sunday school, 11 a.m.
Public worship 7:30 p.m.
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the close of the service.
A hearty invitation to all.

Christian and Missionary Alliance
Irma Tabernacle—Sunday, 3:30 p.m., gospel service.
A hearty welcome to all.

ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN
Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Mr. Bralant hopes there will be a good attendance.

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Chippo, per pkg... 27c
Pears, 2 tins... 29c Graham Wafers, lb... 25c

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Thousands of Canadian men and women are doing a most necessary job of converting live and raw products to usable, transportable food for millions of fighting men and civilians overseas. In estimating the value of various tasks in the total war effort, much credit should be given to the workers in the

canning, dehydration, curing, packing, refrigerating and shipping industries.

"Bacon for Britain"? Yes, but also canned salmon and dried fruits and evaporated milk for Britain and our allies overseas.

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NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS

The following ratepayers' meetings for the purpose of discussing municipal affairs will be held at the places and at the times designated.

Chauvin, Alta. February 12, 1943, 1:30 p.m.
Edgerton, Alta. February 16, 1943, 1:30 p.m.
Irma, Alta. February 18, 1943, 1:30 p.m.

It is the intention of the council for all members to attend these meetings.

BY ORDER,

H. U. TAYLOR,
Secretary/Treasurer.

This Royal Canadian Navy Fairmile, deadly little warship, is pictured in the Gulf of U-boats. These Canadian-built boats are active members of the Royal Canadian Navy.

British Commonwealth Air Training Plan Said To Be One Of Decisive Factors In This War

(By Gregory Clark)

BIRTHDAYS are usually, celebrations. But the third birthday of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan had to be celebrated in the religious meaning of the word in proud and grateful remembrance of the hundreds of valiant youth of the British Commonwealth who have met their death in battle as graduates of the training plan. Yet the spirits of those same young men must look with pride upon the third anniversary of the organization in which they were pioneers and it is in their honor as much as anybody's that Canada was moved, to bear in mind the third birthday of a great and decisive plan which has long since become one of the vital factors in victory.

When anybody is three years old, it is the usual custom, to stand him up against the door and mark how high and how wide he is.

The British Commonwealth Air Training Plan was three years old on December 16; but neither its father, which is the government, nor its mother, which is the R.C.A.F., will permit us to stand it up against the door. Yet so high, wide and handsome is the vast enterprise which, 29 days after the war's outbreak was a mere proposal from Canada to the British Commonwealth, and which, on December 16, 1939, was a compilation of facts and figures and estimates on an agreement signed by representatives of all the British nations, that some figures of its proportions must be released in order that justice may be done to the tens of thousands of men who have made it possible.

It is not possible, however, to reveal the true measure of its success—the number or approximate number of Air Crew graduated.

But it can be said that about 83,000 is the number of persons now engaged in the instruction, administration and maintenance of the plan.

And about 150 is the number of the establishments and over 2,000 the number of buildings embraced in this vast, one billion dollar British Commonwealth "university of the air."

How many of the aircrew graduated are fighter pilots this day, how many are bomber pilots, how many observers, wireless air gunners we cannot say. How many ground crew, how many tens of thousands of them, are a product of the plan, how many scientists, experts, chemists, meteorologists, have been produced to do the mighty war effort what the little "wing pin" does to an explosive shell, we cannot reveal.

But kings, presidents, prime ministers and the fighting leaders of the United Nations have spoken of us with extravagant praise of the mighty Air Training enterprise the past few months. They knew, and we did not, how many aircrew had been graduated. It is a stupendous figure. It is one of the decisive factors of the war. And it is, on this, its third birthday, a mighty snowball, an avalanche, rolling down on the enemy.

For the vital thing to keep in mind on the third birthday of the plan is not that Canada is paying \$600 million of the \$900 million the plan is costing; nor that the R.C.A.F. has organized and administered the plan; nor that graduates of the plan, fighting on every front from the Aleutian Islands to India, the long way round; nor even the sacrifice made by the many valiant young men who have tested with their lives the working basis of the enterprise. The vital thing to bear in mind is that due to the providential turns and twists of this fateful war, it has been possible for Canada to build up an unequalled institution, now equipped with everything it requires and staffed by instructors chosen from the cream of the cream, to train our young men for victorious battle in the air with the greatest possible chance of their surviving the great ordeals ahead.

On the third birthday, it is good to reflect that, in the grim days of May, 1940, when the plan was promising its fruit in 1942, and in August-September 1940, when Britain was being pounded to dust and our hearts were burning, we did not scrap the plan and shoot our young men into the fray. For now we know that the fliers in Britain were enough to hold the enemy. And by holding our hands and our heads, we can now give a thousand fliers where then we could have given ten.

The tens remained. They grew to hundreds. Flowed back into the plan, they became thousands, the best training the best.

And then the thousands began to cross over, some to fight in the theatres of war, some in the R.C.A.F. squadrons, some in the R.A.F. squadrons, some defending our own shores, and some still plowed back into the plan, to produce that essential corps of instructors who are the safeguard of the whole great enterprise.

From one of the 150 establishments

of the Plan, the St. Thomas, Ont., technical station, 20,000 aero engine and air frame mechanics have been graduated. Thousands of cooks, transport drivers, armament instructors, armorers, flying instructors, disciplinary personnel, service police, disciplinary personnel, photographic processors, administrative officers and clerks, equipment officers and personnel, crewmen and signals, have been trained at other stations large and small without which the great machinery of the plan could not have functioned.

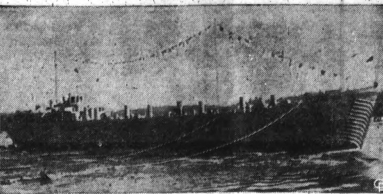
It is also cheerful to recollect that on December 16, 1939, when that document was signed in Ottawa by the representatives of the British nations, the signed specifications were handed over to a corps of 283 officers and 3,400 other ranks who were all there was of the R.C.A.F.

And these, with the aid of the special reserve of the R.C.A.F., scattered themselves across the Dominion and proceeded literally to dig. It is the natural instinct of democratic people to eye rather narrowly the equally natural instinct of the professional fighter to justify himself and his profession. But, the old permanent force of the R.C.A.F. has nothing but unforgotten admiration and praise for the huge instructional and administrative body of the R.C.A.F., nearly all of whom were amateurs or schoolboys three years ago. And from the main body of the R.C.A.F., which has risen out of the Air Training Plan you will hear nothing but affectionate and emphatic praise of their permanent force leaders. This is the chief birthday gift to each other, for December 16.

Three years ago, a little band of 4,000 officers and men of the R.C.A.F. were handed a blue-print. They had the co-operation of the Department of Transport, which had already explored and sited a number of airfields for trans-Canada development. And most enthusiastically, that department lent its aid. There existed, on December 16, 1939, a blue-print and a few almost diminutive flying and training facilities. But there existed also something else: an almost over-

whelming force of young manhood in Canada, shoving at the barriers and fighting to come into the R.C.A.F. To the drafters of the Plan, to the pioneers of the R.C.A.F. who took it in hand and to the young manhood of Canada who by their character, courage, patience and intelligent understanding made a blue-print into a structure that lifts Canada into the forefront of air powers in the world, the birthday greetings must go.

Tank Carrier Launched In Great Lakes



This big ship is the last word for transportation of tanks. Special equipment enable tanks to be landed from her with the minimum effort. It is the first ship of its kind to be built on the Great Lakes and appropriately enough, it was sponsored by Mrs. Harriet Williamson, a woman welder.

Siege Is Lifted

Britain No Longer Fearing Invasion Is Restoring Sign Posts

A recent picture from the British Isles shows workmen erecting a sign post on the road from London to Folkestone. Whether they realized it or not, those workmen were making history.

Immediately after Dunkirk, when the whole southeast coast of England was expecting invasion, all sign posts and similar identifications were removed from the vulnerable area. True, no British was foolish enough to believe that such action would completely foil the Nazis, but it certainly would not make hostile troop movements any easier.

Now the signs are going up again, concrete and visible evidence that the most dangerous phase of the war is past. When British and German troops again clash in Europe, it will not be on the downs of Kent and Sussex.—Financial Post.

Get Medals Together

Father And Son In Navy Decorated By King George

A father and son, both Naval heroes, were decorated by King George at the same ceremony recently. By the King's command, Lieut. Richard Mitchell, who received the Distinguished Service Cross, was taken from his place among other D.S.C. winners and placed immediately behind his father, Commander Kenneth Mitchell, who received the distinguished service order and bar to the D.S.C.

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"Rolling" Post Offices Gather Mails



Photos Canadian Pacific Ry.

Even in normal times Canada's army of railway mail clerks works at top speed sorting as many as 20,000 pieces of mail on their 300-mile jumps across the country. During the Christmas and New Year rush they filled an added role as Santa's messengers, and on their training and accuracy depends safe and ready delivery of the millions of letters. Mail crews run from Toronto to Fort William, Fort William to Winnipeg, Winnipeg to Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw to Calgary, and Calgary to Vancouver, on their trans-continental journeys. To become a railway mail clerk candidates pass stiff tests, then have to pass periodical examinations during which they sort 1,000 cards into 100 different separations of a practice case. Most clerks reach 98 to 100 per cent of accuracy, which is a good thing for Canadians at home and their boys overseas who depend on the railway mail clerks for most of their letters and parcels from home. At upper left is a typical scene in any large Canadian railway centre as mail is transferred in bags from one car to another. Upper right is a close-up of the separation case of a railway mail care and, lower left, clerks at work on the mail bags.

EXPLAINED DELAY

Pat had bought a watch guaranteed for 12 months. At the end of nine months, however, he reappeared at the shop and complained that the watch had stopped six months earlier when it had fallen into the pig trough.

"But why didn't you bring it back at once?" inquired the jeweller.

"How could I?" replied Pat. "We only killed the pig yesterday."

Bacon Shipments To Britain Is A Wartime Story That Is An Epic Of Canadian Farms

A MONG several special developments in Canada's wartime agriculture the wartime story of bacon takes first place, said Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Dominion Deputy Minister of Agriculture in a recent address. The bacon story is in many respects the story of Canada's greatest single contribution in the form of food supplies. The trail goes back to the years before the war, for it was during that period that an export bacon structure was built in Canada that could be relied upon as a source of supplies for Great Britain's major requirements.

Welcome New Baby With This Coverlet



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Here's a novel gift for one of those many new babies. Every new mother would be delighted with this coverlet in simplest stitchery, for carriage or crib. Pattern 7435 contains a transfer pattern of a 14 x 15, a 5 1/2 x 9 1/2 and four 2 1/2 x 3 inch motifs; materials needed; illustrations of stitches. To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg, Newspaper Union, 136 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to write plainly your Name, Address and Pattern Number.

A STERN DECREE

Under a decree, all travellers in Italian trains and inter-urban trolleys must surrender all letters in their possession to censorship inspectors, who announced "If allowed the letters will be forwarded to their destination by our services."

In fact the quantity of bacon of the type desired by Britain, available in Canada in the second year of the war, had much to do with Britain's decision to provide bacon in the official rations of that country. Since that decision, which was made in the fall of 1940, Canada's bacon export commitments have expanded each year to meet British requirements.

Thirty-four export packing plants in Canada are killing nearly twice the number of hogs they did in 1939. With the completion of the 1941-42 agreement with the British ministry of food 1,350,000 pounds of bacon have been shipped to the United Kingdom. Farmers in the face of difficulties have perhaps surprised themselves in producing hogs in such numbers. The packers have slaughtered, processed and shipped these hogs with comparatively little expansion in facilities or labor; the Dominion department of agriculture inspectors and graders have examined the hogs and the bacon with little additional help, transportation under-refrigeration has been provided, and the bacon board has handled the whole undertaking for the Canadian and British governments, an undertaking involving up to present time about \$250,000,000.

Farmers, continued Dr. Barton, know what is involved in producing a grade A carcass but they might not be so familiar with some of the other things that appear on the bacon trail. The hogs are dressed into Wilshire sides. The meat is cured with nitrate, formerly imported from South America, now obtained from the United States. Each side is wrapped in cotton imported from the United States. Every four sides are baled in jute burlap from India. It is sewn and tied with jute or sisal from India and Mexico. The bacon is kept in cold storage. It has to be cured six or seven days in quantities required for shipment at the end of that time. It has to be transported in refrigerator cars and transferred promptly to refrigerated space in boats at the rate of millions of pounds weekly to fill the contract.

The hogs are inspected when slaughtered and graded, the bacon is inspected and graded in the plant, and inspected again at seaboard where it travels in convoy under navy escort. Through this long chain of procedure the major supplies of Great Britain's bacon are arriving in satisfactory condition and quality is being maintained. In the next 12 months the British ministry of food would like to have 675 million pounds, and Canada has undertaken to supply it. It will not be an easy task but easy tasks in wartime are not to be expected. The bacon task is not one of the really hard tasks of the war. Breed the sows and save the pigs, and the bacon will be produced.

No Food Surplus

Despite Goering's Frenzied Germans Living From Hand To Mouth

In Nazi Germany, while there is almost no food now not rationed, the situation at the beginning of the fourth war year is considered by neutral writers to be generally better than in 1917-1918.

In contrast to this, however, according to "Der Rund," a Berne newspaper, the demands on the workers' nerves is incomparably higher and despite all preparations the people live from hand to mouth while Goering tries to raise their hopes with promises of increased production next year. Small extra rations were ordered for Christmas.

Shipment For Britain

Tons Of Vegetable Seeds Being Sent From United States

Arrangements have been made for the shipment from the United States to Britain of 45 tons of vegetable seeds for the 1943 crop. Seeds were shipped from the U.S. for the 1942 crop and they proved to be very successful, in many cases exceeding 90 per cent in germination. The British War Reliefs Society made provision last year for 50 tons of vegetable seeds from which it is estimated that 80,000 tons of vegetables were grown.

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INFORMATION ABOUT
CHARGE ACCOUNTS

By order of the director of consumer credit of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, charge accounts now become due and payable on the 25th of the month following the month in which the goods are purchased.

This means that an account for goods bought in February becomes due March 25. An account for goods bought in March becomes due April 25th, and so on. January accounts remain under the old ruling and are payable March 10. This includes grocery, meat and other food bills.

It is permissible to charge purchases made between the 25th and the end of the month as if they had been made on the first day of the month following.

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Thos. G. Dark, eyesight consultant and registered optometrist, will be at:
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LOCALS

Mrs. Jack Carswell arrived home last week to visit her father, Mr. E. Sharkey, and sister, Mrs. B. Kennedy and family.

Miss Betty Black of the university hospital staff was home last week-end.

Miss Lois Longmire was home from Edmonton last Friday to attend her sister's wedding.

Mrs. E. Longmire attended the annual Presbyterian meeting of the Wainwright presbytery at Ryley last Tuesday.

Mr. A. E. Blackley left for Owen Sound, Ont., last Tuesday after receiving a wire that his father was very ill with pneumonia.

The C.C.F. meeting called for February 9 was postponed on account of cold weather to Tuesday, February 16, at the home of W. J. Fraser.

A number of residents have not subscribed for the Irma Times yet. Please do so at once or your names will be struck off the mailing list. You will find instructions on how and when and where to obtain your new ration book in a government advertisement in this issue of the Times. Be sure to read it.

Please keep in mind that the Irma L.O.B.A. are putting on a dance in Kelfer's hall on March 17.

Mrs. G. Watkinson has been confined to her bed the past week suffering from a severe cold.

Mr. J. Fletcher was in Edmonton this week on business.

Mr. James McNaughton, an old timer of Irma, spent a few days in the district visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. Sanders, and sister, Mrs. M. Arnold. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Margaret, who is making a longer stay with her sister.

W. I. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Irma W.I. was held at the home of Mrs. J. Fletcher. Thirteen members and two visitors were present. The meeting opened with singing of "Smiles" and repeating the creed. Letters were received from two sailors, thanking the members for the ditty-bags they received at Christmas time. These letters are published in this paper.

Plans were completed for the anniversary party February 12, in Hedley's hall. Four quilt groups were formed, each group being responsible for a hammock quilt 42 x 72. Wool is to be ordered to knit for the merchant marine. Members may obtain the wool from Mrs. Long. Sewing was given out and the program for the year was presented. Raffle donated by Mrs. R. Larson was won by Mrs. McMillan. Hostesses were Mrs. Raham and Mrs. Ott.

Letters Received by W.I.

Dear friend:
Received your most welcome ditty bag. It was the first parcel I received.

We were out at sea for a couple of weeks so we are celebrating now, a little late, but better late than never.

The ship was moving around from port to port and all our mail hasn't caught up to us yet.

It must be quite a task to pack one of these ditty bags. So thanks a lot for thinking of us.

I come from Ontario and have been in the navy for two years. It is kind of tiresome at times.

Please excuse this short letter. So I'll close wishing you a happy and prosperous new year.

Sailor Murray.

Dear Friend:

Quite a bit of time has elapsed since Christmas and when I received the ditty bag from you. It certainly is about time I recognized the receipt of it.

Being as yours was the only name on the bag I should have written before.

I must say that it came in the most opportune time, and certainly showed that you must have had previous experience in making up similar bags. We were moving around quite a bit and it didn't reach us until the eighth of January. We didn't have our Christmas dinner until New Years. However it was very good and our cook put forth a special effort to make it so. To be really exact about our parcels, mine from home has not arrived yet and it was sent December 15.

There isn't very much I can say in a letter of this sort as we really have nothing in common except the ditty bag. I came from an east coast town and you from the west. You folks from Irma and I from

RATION BOOK No. 2
—HOW AND WHEN TO GET IT

For the convenience of the public and to ensure speedy distribution, New Ration Book No. 2 will be issued locally at the following distribution centres.

ADDRESS	DATES	HOURS
Irma Hardware, Irma	February	9:00 a.m. to
Bill Boyd's Store, Jarrow	19, 20, 22, 23	
Jas. L. Smith, Kinsella	24, 25, 26, 27	6:00 p.m.

The new Ration Book will NOT be mailed to you. It must be called for. Before you can secure the new Ration Book you must fill in and surrender the application card in the back of your present Ration Book No. 1. This card should be left in the Ration Book for the distribution officer to tear out. If already detached, it should be brought along with your present Ration Book, so the name and serial number may be checked. You do not surrender your present Ration Book as it contains Coupons yet to be used.

Write your serial number here

Serial Number TE 000000

I DECLARE I am the holder of the Ration Book, from which this reference card has been taken, or that I am signing this in order to have another issued in my name, and I agree to surrender this card to the distribution officer when I receive my new Ration Book.

Signature of bookholder: _____

Address of bookholder: _____

Address of present holder: _____

Age of holder 18 _____

Signature of present holder: _____

He de déléguer ce Carnet de Rationnement à son successeur, ou à son représentant, dans les mêmes conditions que le signataire ci-dessus.

Signature du successeur: _____

Signature du représentant: _____

THIS APPLICATION CARD IS IN THE BACK OF YOUR PRESENT RATION BOOK

MAKE SURE ABOUT
YOUR SERIAL NUMBER

Your name and present place of residence (in the case of children, the residence of the parents) must be printed clearly in Block letters.

Make sure that your serial number, including letters and figures as shown on the front cover of Ration Book No. 1, is clearly written on the application card. This serial number, including the two letters before the number, is your ration book identification for the duration.

Residents of Rural Areas may apply on behalf of their neighbours, providing Ration Book No. 1, and properly filled in application cards, are presented.

In the case of residents of a town or city, any senior or responsible member of a household may apply for new Ration Books on behalf of other members of the household, providing Ration Book No. 1 and properly filled in application cards, are presented.

Children under sixteen will not be allowed to apply for new Ration Books, either for themselves or other members of the family.

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THE WARTIME PRICES AND TRADE BOARD

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LRB. 2

Department of Labour
National War Labour Board
GENERAL ORDER

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics has found that the cost of living index number for January 2, 1943, is 117.1 (adjusted index 116.2) as compared with the cost of living index number for July 2, 1942, of 117.9 (adjusted index 117).

The Wartime Wages Control Order, P. C. 5963, provides in Section 48 (iv):

"the amount of the bonus shall not be changed unless the cost of living index number has changed one whole point or more since the last general order of the Board requiring an increase or decrease in the amount thereof."

The index number not having changed by one whole point or more since July 2, 1942, pursuant to the provisions of P. C. 5963 as stated, the National War Labour Board orders that the terms of its General Order dated August 4, 1942, shall continue to apply for the period February 15, 1943, to May 15, 1943, subject to the right of employers or employees to apply to a War Labour Board for authorization of payment of such an amount of cost of living bonus as a Board may determine to be "fair and reasonable," under the provisions of the Order.

HUMPHREY MITCHELL
Chairman, National War Labour Board
Ottawa, Canada
February 4, 1943

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